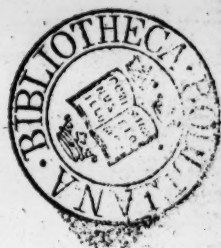


THE
Strange & Wonderful
DISCOVERY
 OF
Mr. Edmond Hally,



Who Departed from his House in *Winchester-street, London*, on the 5th of *March*, 1684. and was found Murthered & cast up by the Tide, after about 40 days absence, near *Rocheſter* on the 14th of this Instant *April* 1684. giving a moſt exact Account of the Circumſtances relating to the Diſcovery, and of all the particular Inquiry into that Cruel, Unnatural, and Barbarous Murther, by about 20 Eminent Chirurgeions and other Artiſts. Together, with the Opinion of the Coroners Inqueſt, &c.

THE Abſence of Mr. *Edmond Hally* has not cauſed a little Conſternation in moſt Men, eſpecially, the ſtrangeness of his departure, who on the Fifth of *March* left his Houſe in *Wincheſter-street*, about One in the Afternoon, to go about his ordinary Occaſions, as formerly, not in the leaſt diſguſted, or in any ill temper, but Serene and Calm, promiſing to return at his uſual Hour, but not coming according to the time he had ſet, and ſome Inquiry made after him, it was Reported, That he was ſeen with Two Men, one ſhort, and the other tall, walking towards *Hogsdon*, but that Night paſſing tedious with his Wife and Family, and no News of him the next Day, nor upon ſtrict Inquiry, any further Knowledge had, the *Sunday* following, Bills were put up in Churches, and on *Monday* it was Advertiſed in the *Gazette*, and a Reward of a 100 l. promiſed by his Wife, to any that ſhould diſcover him Dead or Alive, which Advertiſement was continued from Day to Day, and no means left untried, to find him out in all parts, yet after many Endeavors and Inquiry in divers places, no News arrived, but from Time to Time his diſconſolate Wife greatly Bewailed the ſtrange and unexpected Abſence of her Husband, either concluding him under ſtrict Reſtraint kept in ſome ſecret place by Barbarous Hands, or Murthered, and that the cauſe muſt proceed from Self-Interelt or Revenge, though none could be conjectured or thought upon, that he had in the leaſt injured; but whiſt theſe Imaginations laſted, and all people were in ſuſpence, on *Monday* the 14th of this Instant *April*, divers Youths playing or following their Cattle on the Banks of the River *Medway*, a Mile or thereabouts from the City of *Rocheſter*, diſcovered upon the Shoar the Body of a Man much ſwolln, at which ſomewhat affrighted, they retired, and made a Relation thereof to ſuch as they met, that in the end it coming to the Ear of the Churchwardens, and other Officers of

of the Parish, in which he was found, they caused the Corroner to sit upon him, who summoning his Inquest on the 14th Instant, after great Inquiry, perceiving many Bruises and Acts of Violence, concluding it Wilful Murder, and thereupon Order was taken for his Burial, but upon Second thoughts, and a scrutiny into the matter, some were of opinion, that it might be Mr. *Edmond Hally* so often mentioned in the *Gazette*, as aforesaid, and comparing the one with the other, they found him to have Stockings, and many other things else, Cohering with the Advertisement, which began to confirm them more and more, so that his Interment was deferred, and a Resolution taken, to give his Wife notice thereof, at her House in *Winchester-street* near little *Morgate*, *London*, to effect which, one of the Churchwardens took Horse, but one Mr. *Addams* of the *Temple* being there, and weighing the whole matter took Post likewise, and became the first Relator of the Tragick matter, whereupon Mrs. *Hally* took Order to send down with all Expedition, to bring up the Corps, if they found any probable Conjectures, that it was him, which being apparent, the Corps was Coffined up, and attended by several Persons, brought with all speed, so that on the 17th Instant, about 4 of the Clock in the Morning, the Corps was brought to his House in *Winchester-street*, where upon fresh Inquiry it appeared, that he had received a Mortal Bruise upon his Head, where the Blood in great abundance was settled, one of his Eyes out, and that either by treading upon, or by some Violent Stroak, his Brest was so Bruised across, that it was exceeding Green, and the blood settled, that a great Hole was made through his Left Leg, a little above the Ankle, and he had received divers other Bruises, which could not by reason of his long continuance Dead, be well discerned, his Tongue was swelled in his Head, and his Face much Bloated, being found altogether Naked, unless his Shoo and Stockings, which were the greatest Evidences of its being him, for he, as his wont was, had 3 Stockings on one Leg, and 2 on the other, with a Shooe so cut, as he had cut it a little before his departure from his House, all which were known to be the same he had on the Day he was missing.

Divers Chirurgions came to Visit the Body, and Unanimously concluded him to be Barbarously Strangled, & what the more Induced them to it, was, that his Hands were clutched in such a manner as it was verily believed, he struggled long with his Barbarous Murderers before they could surpriſe his life, and further it is in all probability considered, that he has been kept up in some place a long while, and being Murdered not many days since, was brought to the place where he was found, and had not long layn in the Water, but who committed so Barbarous a Murder, whether for Interest or Revenge, is yet uncertain, but doubtless the Righteous Judg of Heaven and Earth, whose Eyes behold the darkest Secrets, will in his good time bring it to light, to the Shame and Confusion of those base and unmanly Villains, that durst deal so Inhumanely with Reverend Old Age, and stretch out their Impious Hands to shed Innocent Blood.

Order is taken for his Interment at *Barkin* by his Relations, whose Funeral will be Solemnized with great Solemnity.

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